



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
HENRY COUNTY CLERK**

For the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE HENRY COUNTY CLERK

For the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Henry County Clerk's audit for calendar year 2001. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees were \$33,102 for the period of September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Juanita Lashley took office after the former clerk retired on August 31, 2001.

Lease Obligations:

Item Purchased	Monthly Payment	Term of Agreement	Ending Date	Principal Balance December 31, 2001
Copy Machine	\$134	42 Months	05/04/2004	\$3,760
Copy Machine	\$84	36 Months	11/15/2004	\$2,856
Copy Machine	\$274	60 Months	11/15/2006	\$3,524
Computer Equipment	\$1,870	60 Months	06/23/2005	\$76,670

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Software	\$4,800	Five Years	02/15/2003	\$9,600
Software	\$11,160	Five Years	07/31/2005	\$33,480

Report Comment:

None.

Deposits:

The Clerk's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Henry County, Kentucky, for the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepared the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 5, 2002, on our consideration of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -
August 5, 2002

HENRY COUNTY
JUANITA LASHLEY, COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES

For the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

Receipts

State Fees For Services	\$	6,015
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Fiscal Court		800
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Licenses and Taxes:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$	78,790
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Usage Tax		471,892
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Tangible Personal Property Tax		245,830
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Licenses-

Marriage		932
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Deed Transfer Tax		10,997
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Delinquent Tax	16,533	824,974
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Fees Collected for Services:

Recordings-

Deeds, Easements, and Contracts	\$	3,894
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Fixture Filing		51
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Leases		28
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Liens		1,043
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Real Estate Mortgages		13,557
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Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements		18,027
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Powers of Attorney		420
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Releases		4,740
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Motor Vehicle Notary Fees		762
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Motor Vehicle Lien Release Fees		1,044
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Wills, Estate Settlements, and Accommodations		128
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All Other Recordings		1,061
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Charges for Other Services-

Candidate Filing Fees		50
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Postage		373
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Copywork	1,278	46,456
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Other:

Overpayments	\$	1,219
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Miscellaneous	2,828	4,047
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Interest Earned		468
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Total Receipts	\$	882,760
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HENRY COUNTY
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 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES
 For the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001
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Disbursements

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers \$ 55,419

Usage Tax 457,735

Tangible Personal Property Tax 92,617

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Delinquent Tax 2,014

Legal Process Tax 5,039

Candidate Filing Fees 30 \$ 612,854

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax \$ 20,643

Delinquent Tax 1,717

Deed Transfer Tax 10,447 32,807

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax \$ 122,502

Delinquent Tax 8,484 130,986

Payments to Sheriff 125

Payments to County Attorney 2,525

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries \$ 37,086

Materials and Supplies-

Office Supplies 2,995

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Disbursements (Continued)

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay:
 (Continued)

Other Charges-

Training	\$	38
Dues		1,577
Micro Filming		957
Refunds		1,888
Postage		881
Bank Charges		123
Miscellaneous		4,019

Capital Outlay-

Office Equipment	2,081	\$	51,645
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Total Disbursements	\$	830,942
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Net Receipts	\$	51,818
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Less: Statutory Maximum		17,516
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Excess Fees	\$	34,302
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Less: Expense Allowance		1,200
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Excess Fees Due County for the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001	\$	33,102
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Payments to County Treasurer - March 15, 2002		33,102
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Balance Due at Completion of Audit	\$	0
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

HENRY COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, certain receipts and certain expenditures are recognized as a result of accrual at December 31, 2001.

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Clerk's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.17 percent for the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

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Note 2. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 64.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the County Clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of December 31, 2001, the County Clerk's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the County Clerk's agent in the County Clerk's name, or provided surety bond which named the County Clerk as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

Note 4. Grant

The County Clerk received a local records microfilming grant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the amount of \$2,128. The unexpended grant balance is \$2,128 as of December 31, 2001.

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Note 5. Leases

Commitments to the following lease agreements as of December 31, 2001 are:

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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Henry County Clerk for the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Henry County Clerk's financial statement for the period September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Henry County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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